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I am concerned that the penalty phase of this case may create a furthering of the monopoly that Microsoft has been found guilty of. I am concerned that pushing the penalty phase for convenience, is not using the best in judgement. I am concerned that if the penalty is established by those terms negotiated by Microsoft that a precedent will be established for future monopoly cases involving other companies inclined to establish their own monopoly.

I believe that Microsoft should be held accountable to methods now and still being used by restricting computer manufactures to putting on only their operating system software when you purchase a computer. I believe that the computer and the installed software should be priced out as separate items. The consumer should have the knowledge of both the price of the software being offered, and have the option of installing whatever operating systems that is desired.

Microsoft should be required to provide specifications of the present and future document file formats publicly, so that all makers of software can write applications compatible with Microsoft operating systems. The specifications, of networking protocols, must also be provided to and approved by an independent network protocol body.

As an owner of MedScripts a concern of mine is patient confidentiality, it is because of this issue that we do not use the internet explorer of Microsoft in our business. We type medical chart information for physicians. I have noted that the Center for Strategic and International Studies indicated that the use of Microsoft software does pose a national security risk. With the various acts security breaches being done on an international level - this security risk is a concern of mine.

Thank you for your consideration when settling this case.